



## STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING

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**March 7, 2022**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Held Via Videoconference

### MINUTES

#### Participating Members:

Eric Ford, Chair  
 Dr. Shameka Stanford, Vice Chair  
 Kara Aanenson  
 Jeffrey Breslin  
 Lajan Cephas  
 Sgt. Kathy Estrada  
 Eric Ford  
 Derrell Frazier  
 Kya Hector  
 Lynette Holmes  
 Miya Horsey  
 Loney Nguyen  
 Jillian White  
 Heidi Rochon  
 Joe Rossow  
 Dr. Jonathan Shepherd, M.D.  
 Dr. Kenneth Waters  
 Laura Wilt  
 Therese Wolf

#### Guests:

Janet Furman  
 Derek Getic  
 John Irvine  
 Sgt. Antoine Patton

#### Staff:

Jessica Wheeler  
 Mary Abraham  
 Christina Drushel-Williams  
 Chris Miele  
 William Jernigan

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## **I. Welcome & Roll Call**

Chris Miele called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Roll was taken from the participant list and a quorum of members was present.

## **II. Chair's Remarks**

Eric Ford, Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming SAG members and guests, and introduced newly appointed SAG Members; Miya Horsey and Loney Nguyen.

## **III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

A consent agenda including prior meeting minutes and reports from the SAG Subcommittees was distributed prior to the meeting. The consent agenda was approved with no additions or corrections.

## **IV. Data Presentation, Department of Juvenile Services' Office of Research and Evaluation**

John Irvine, Director of the Department of Juvenile Services' (DJS) Office of Research and Evaluation, provided a statewide overview of youth justice trends in Maryland from 2012-2021. Presentation slides are attached to these minutes. Mr. Irvine described statewide trends across a range of youth justice categories and encouraged meeting attendees to access [DJS Data Resource Guides](#) to review country trends. Hardcopies of the 2021 Data Resource Guide will be provided to SAG Members.

Mr. Irvine shared that DJS is developing online data dashboards to better support SAG members and youth service professionals. Other improvements include recent legislation requiring the addition of DJS data to the [MD Longitudinal Data System Center](#), which merges education, wage, graduation, college admission, vocational, and other data sets for comparative analysis. This data merge will significantly expand youth justice metrics and improve Maryland's outcome measurement capacity across a wide array of youth justice interventions.

## **V. Old / New Business**

- **Local Management Boards and the Title II Program** - Members and staff discussed a possible revision to the FY24 JJAC program that would partner with Maryland's Local Management Boards (LMBs) to receive and distribute JJAC funding. Advantages, disadvantages, and various formats were discussed. Given the significant considerations that this change would require, the FY24 NOFA workgroup will soon convene to begin these planning discussions. The Office will confer with LMBs to discuss feasibility. Members were asked to express their interest in joining the workgroup by reaching out to Jessica Wheeler or Chris Miele.
- **Department of Juvenile Services Update** - Lynette Holmes shared that DJS is working to permanently adopt the customer service improvements developed during the pandemic. These include continuing to conduct youth and family meetings in neutral environments. Multiple juvenile justice reform bills have been taken up by the legislature and have resulted in vigorous debate. Pursuant to DJS' Department's facility realignment [plan](#), the Thomas J.S.

Waxter Children's Center is now closed and the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center is the secure detention center for female youth.

## ■ Roundtable and Announcements

- *The Coalition for Juvenile Justice* will host their 2022 Annual Conference, Council of SAGs Meeting, and Hill Day on May 18-21, 2022. "Creating a New Normal: Drawing on Lessons From the Pandemic to Comprehensively Address Young People's Needs" will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Washington DC. Conference Link: <https://www.juvjustice.org/events/conferences/cjj-2022-annual-conference>. Several SAG members and staff will be attending the conference.
- *The SAG's Emerging Leaders Subcommittee* is proud to present the Youth Justice Open Mic Discussion Series; a forum for youth leaders to share their experiences with and solutions for changing the youth justice system. Participants will have the opportunity to share their lived experiences with the youth justice system and help develop solutions for change. Participants will also learn more about the work of the Emerging Leaders Committee, the State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice, and how youth leaders can take action. The Open Mic Discussion Series will be virtual and meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm to discuss the 4 priority areas of the State Advisory Group. The remaining dates and discussion topics are:
  - March 16, 2022: Alternative to Incarceration
  - April 20, 2022: Community-Based Programs and Services

Please share this information with organizations and leaders who may be interested and encourage and support your youth leaders to participate, and [register here](#).

- **FY23 NOFA Update and Vote** - Eric Ford motioned to close the meeting to allow for confidential discussion of the FY 2023 Title II Formula Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Kara Aanenson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was closed. Chris Miele summarized key takeaways from the FY2023 NOFA Workgroup meeting that was held in February. Jessica Wheeler and Chris Miele shared revisions from the NOFA draft that was distributed prior to the meeting.

For FY2023, the four purpose areas prioritized in the SAG's 2021 - 2023 Three-Year [Plan](#) remain unchanged however the positive youth development purpose area must now be incorporated into all proposed projects. All four purpose areas have been expanded within the NOFA to provide additional guidance and support for applicants to implement and retool youth justice projects. To promote responsive applications, content was added that directs applicants toward reference sites and best practices clearinghouses. The award range has been increased from \$25k-\$150 to \$50k-\$200k.

Jeff Breslin motioned to advance the NOFA toward public release and Eric Ford seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**VI. Subcommittee Breakout Session**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m. to allow members and staff to reconvene in their respective subcommittees.

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The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2022, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.